

REMARKS

Claims 1-78 are now pending in the application. While Applicants disagree with the current rejections, Applicants have amended the claims to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims as originally filed on one or more continuing applications. Claims 1, 5, 16, 31, 35, 43, 46, 48, 56, 60, 68, 72 are amended and Claims 4, 20, 34, 45, 47, 59, 70 and 71 are cancelled. The amendments to the Claims are fully supported by the Claims and Detailed Description as filed, and therefore no new matter has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-15, 16-19, 22-23, 25-30, 31-33, 36-42, 43-46, 50-55, 56-58, 62-67, 68-70, 73, and 78 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,602,601) in view of El-Gamal et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 2002/0136327). Claims 9, 24, 36, 49 and 61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. in view of Bauch (U.S. Pat. No. 2006/0274846). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Referring now to claim 1, in response to these rejections, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include elements of claim 4, which the Examiner found to be allowable. The amendments to Claim 1 are fully supported by the Claims and Detailed Description as filed, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Therefore, Claim 1 is allowable for at least this reason. Claims 16, 34, 43, 56 and 68 are allowable for at least similar reasons as Claim 1. Claims 2-3, 5-15, 17-19, 22-30, 32-33, 36-42, 44, 49-55, 57-59, 61-69 and 73-78 ultimately depend from Claims 1, 16, 34, 43, 56 and 68 and are allowable for at least similar reasons.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

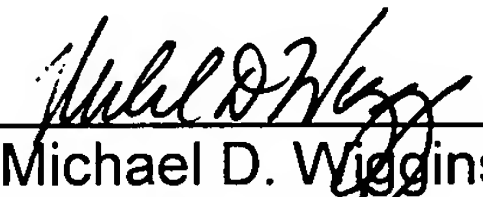
The Examiner states that Claims 4-5, 20-21, 34-35, 47-48, 59-60, 71-72 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 16, 34, 43, 56 and 68 to include limitations of Claims 4, 20, 34, 45, 47, 59 and 70-71. Claims 2-3, 5-15, 17-19, 22-30, 32-33, 36-42, 44, 49-55, 57-59, 61-69 and 73-78 ultimately depend from Claims 1, 16, 34, 43, 56 and 68 and are allowable for at least similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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